

RESCISSIONS AND DEFERRALS  
OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT OF THREE RESCISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND  
TWO DEFERRALS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO 2  
U.S.C. 683(a)(1)



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, February 9, 2000.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on February 9, 2000 at 5:40 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a message on rescissions and deferrals for FY 2000 in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON, *Deputy Clerk.*

Attachment.



*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$128 million, and two deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$1.6 million.

The proposed rescissions affect the programs of the Department of Energy and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposed deferrals affect programs of the Department of State and International Assistance Programs.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 9, 2000.*

## Rescission Proposal Number R00-1

## PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

## REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1012 OF P.L. 93-344

Agency: Department of Energy  
 Bureau: Atomic Energy Defense Activities  
 Account: Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (89X0242)

New budget authority: \$4,467,308.000  
 Other budgetary resources: \$33,105,172  
 Total budgetary resources: \$4,500,413,172  
 Amount proposed for rescission: \$13,000,000

Proposed appropriations language: *Of the funds made available under this heading in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2000 (P.L. 106-60), \$13,000,000 are rescinded.*

Justification: Section 308 of the Energy and Waster Development Appropriations Act, 2000, prohibited the use of Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management funds for laboratory-directed research and development. The proposal would rescind \$13 million of funds appropriated in 2000 for overhead activities supporting research and development at Environmental Management laboratories that exceed current requirements.

Estimated programmatic effect: As a result of the proposed rescission, net Federal outlays will decrease, as specified below.

*Effect on outlays*

[In thousands of dollars]

|              |         |  |
|--------------|---------|--|
| Fiscal year: |         |  |
| 2000 .....   | - 9,000 |  |
| 2001 .....   | - 3,000 |  |
| 2002 .....   | - 1,000 |  |
| 2003 .....   |         |  |
| 2004 .....   |         |  |
| Total .....  | 13,000  |  |

Rescission Proposal Number R00-2

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1012 OF P.L. 93-344

Agency: Department of Energy

Bureau: Energy Programs

Account: SPR Petroleum Account (89X0233)

New budget authority: —

Other budgetary resources: \$32,678,652

Total budgetary resources: \$32,678,652

Amount proposed for rescission: \$12,000,000

Proposed appropriation language: *Of the funds made available under this heading, \$12,000,000 are rescinded.*

Justification: These funds were originally appropriated to fund acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and for draw-down and distribution of the Reserve. These balances are no longer needed because only de minimus oil acquisition, transportation, and injection is occurring. In the event that draw-down and distribution of the Reserve is necessary, authority has been provided to the Department of Energy to transfer balances from other departmental accounts.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

Rescission Proposal Number R00-3

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1012 OF P.L. 93-344

Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Bureau: Public and Indian Housing  
Account: Housing Certificate Fund (86X0319)

New budget authority: \$7,176,695,000  
Other budgetary resources: \$2,695,437,000  
Total budgetary resources: \$9,872,132,000  
Amount proposed for rescission: \$103,000,000

Proposed appropriation language: *Of the amounts recaptured under this heading from funds appropriated during fiscal year 1999 and prior years, \$103,000,000 are rescinded.*

Justification: This proposal would rescind \$103 million of obligated balances estimated to be recaptured during 2000. These recaptures will result from the elimination of excess funds available on some long-term section 8 contracts.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.



Deferral Number D00-1

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1013 OF P.L. 93-344

Agency: Department of State

Bureau: Other

Account: United States emergency refugee and migration assistance fund<sup>1 2</sup> (11X0400)

New budget authority: \$12,452,000

Other budgetary resources: \$181,737,266

Total budgetary resources: \$194,189,266

Amount deferred for entire year: \$172,857,659

Justification: This deferral withholds funds available for emergency refugee and migration assistance for which no determination has been made by the President to provide assistance as required by Executive Order No. 11922. Funds will be released as the President determines assistance to be furnished and designates refugees to be assisted by the Fund. This deferral action is taken under the provisions of the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

Section 501(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-141) and section 414(b)(1) of the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212) amended section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601) by authorizing a fund to enable the President to provide emergency assistance for unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs.

Executive Order No. 11922 of June 16, 1976, allocated all funds appropriated to the President for emergency refugee and migration assistance to the Secretary of State, but reserved for the President the determination of assistance to be furnished and the designation of refugees to be assisted by the Fund.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

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<sup>1</sup> This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1999 (D99-1).

<sup>2</sup> Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to \$145,309,659.

Deferral No. D00-2

## DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1013 OF P.L. 93-344

Agency: International Assistance Programs  
 Bureau: International Security Assistance  
 Account: Economic support fund<sup>1</sup> (72X1037, 729/01037, 720/  
 11037)<sup>2</sup>

New budget authority: \$2,354,156,000  
 Other budgetary resources: \$180,397,234  
 Total budgetary resources: \$2,534,553,234  
 Amount deferred for entire year: \$1,449,159,155<sup>2</sup>

Justification: This deferral withholds funds available for international assistance pending the development of country-specific plans that assure that aid is provided in an efficient manner. Funds also are reserved for unanticipated program needs. This action is taken pursuant to the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

The President is authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to furnish assistance to countries and organizations, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, in order to promote economic or political stability. Section 531(b) of the Act makes the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, responsible for policy decisions and justifications for economic support programs, including whether there will be an economic support program for a country and the amount of the program for each country. This deferral of funds for the Economic Support Fund includes funds for the International Fund for Ireland.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.



<sup>1</sup>This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1999 (D99-2).

<sup>2</sup>The amounts deferred by account are: 72X1037: \$8,132,186; 729/01037: 35,926,969; 720/11037: 1,405,100,000; Total: 1,449,159,155

Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to \$1,440,835,514.